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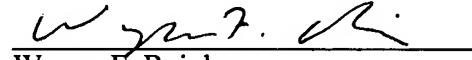
**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

Dear Sir:

As an initial matter, Applicants wish to point out that the pagination used in the Examiner's Reasons for Allowance to refer to sections of the above-noted application appears to be that of the parent application.

In addition, Applicants wish to clarify their understanding of the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance. The Statement appears at first glance to focus on the converting and pushing aspects of the claims. However, the Statement also subsequently indicates that "[c]laims are allowed because of the combination of other limitations and the limitation listed above." Thus, when the Reasons are read in their entirety, Applicants read the Statement as indicating allowance based on more than just the converting and pushing aspects of the claims.

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